







Dear Neighbor,

The Missouri House is scheduled to convene at noon Wednesday, September 16, for the annual veto session to consider whether to attempt to override any of Governor Mike Parson's 2020 vetoes.

Then at 2 p.m. the House will resume this year's special legislative session to consider Senate amendments to three House bills, including two I co-sponsored, that were passed by the House on August 25.

I am still awaiting word on when the governor will sign House Bill 66 that I co-sponsored to create a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri. The bill includes an emergency clause making it effective as soon as the governor signs it.

This long needed program will increase the number of witnesses who are willing to testify so the relatively small number of persistent violent

offenders who commit many of our city's most violent crimes can be successfully prosecuted and incarcerated before they can harm even more victims.

This will help reduce our city's soaring number of homicides which totaled 139 for this year on September 9, a 42% increase from the average number of homicides (97.75) by that date for the last four years. That number exceeded the number of homicides in the city (138) for all of 2018 and the number of homicides in the city (131) for all of 2016. There have been 17 homicides so far this year within the South Patrol boundaries.

Please scroll down for information on other legislative and state government news and on important upcoming local events. Please note in particular:

The Because We Care drive through event from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 27, at Ruskin High School that will provide free personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment to area residents. Persons must preregister by Sunday, September 13.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Council District Clean Up event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 10, with drop off sites at Ruskin High School and South-Broadland Presbyterian Church for bulky items, electronics, leaves & brush and tires. There are fees for electronics. Document shredding also is available at the church. (I volunteered at the last clean up at the high school, and persons were able to get in and out rather quickly despite a steady stream of participants.)

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my assistant Brian Farmer is ready to help you.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,

Mark A. Sharp

## Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report Thursday, September 10th, 2020

#### NO OVERRIDES ANTICIPATED AT ANNUAL VETO SESSION

The Missouri General Assembly will hold its annual veto session on September 16, but lawmakers aren't expected to override any of the two bill vetoes or 196 line-item budget vetoes Governor Mike Parson issued this year.

Parson vetoed House Bill 1854, an omnibus local government measure, because lawmakers loaded it with 37 different subjects in violation of the state constitutional prohibition against bills being changed from their original purpose or containing multiple subjects.

He also rejected an omnibus military affairs bill, Senate Bill 718, because of a provision that sought to create a new state Department of Military Forces, which cannot be done without first amending the Missouri Constitution to authorize another state department.

The governor's 196 line-item budget vetoes eliminated roughly \$11 million in spending lawmakers authorized for the fiscal year 2021 state operating budget. However, 180 of those vetoes were to eliminate a planned 6-cent increase in the state's mileage reimbursement for

employee travel which was embedded in many lines throughout the state budget.

The remaining 16 vetoes accounted for \$9.61 million of the total spending authority Parson eliminated. The most significant in terms of dollar amounts were \$5 million for maintenance and repair of low-volume highways, \$1.1 million for improvements at an airport owned by the University of Central Missouri, \$1 million for the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and \$500,000 for a U.S. Route 61 bypass study.

#### HOUSE IS NEARING FINISH OF SPECIAL SESSION

The Missouri House is nearing the finish of the special legislative session that began July 27. The session is now inching closer to the constitutionally mandated adjournment date of September 25.

Three bills still await final action in the Republican-controlled House, the most controversial of which is **Senate Substitute for House Bill 2**. I co-sponsored the original version of this bill to allow a judge to admit statements by witnesses into evidence in criminal trials if the judge finds that a defendant engaged in or consented to wrongdoing that caused the unavailability of a witness.

The original version of the bill was intended to reduce the incentive for guilty defendants in murder cases or in cases involving other serious felonies from trying to have witnesses killed before they can testify or to intimidate them into not testifying.

Unfortunately, in my opinion, the Senate adopted a very controversial Senate Substitute for this bill expanding it to allow the Missouri Attorney General to take over prosecution of first and second degree murder cases in St. Louis City upon the written request of the chief law enforcement officer of the investigative agency if 90 days or more have passed since the murder and no charges have been filed. (In

many cases, a murder investigation hasn't even been completed in 90 days.) These provisions would expire on August 31, 2023.

Earlier in the special session, House Republican leaders refused to consider legislation to allow the Attorney General to take over prosecution of murder cases in St. Louis City, so I hope this language can be removed by a House-Senate conference committee.

**House Bill 11** will make it a Class D felony to aid or encourage a child under 17 to commit a state weapons offence. A minor corrective amendment to the bill was adopted by the Senate which should be non-controversial.

House Committee Substitute for House Bill 16 had gutted the original version of this bill that I co-sponsored to make it a Class E felony to knowingly deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to someone under 18 without the consent of the recipient's custodial parent or legal guardian.

The committee substitute even removed the provision in current law making it a Class A misdemeanor to recklessly deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to persons under 18 without parental or guardian consent, making such acts legal under Missouri law.

The **Senate Committee Substitute** for this bill restores this removed language, but clarifies that it will not apply to relatives who reasonably believe they have the consent of the child's custodial parent or guardian.

And it does make it a Class E felony to knowingly deliver, give, lend or sell a firearm to a person under 18, but only if it is done for the purpose of avoiding, interfering with or preventing a lawful felony arrest, detention or investigation.



It is our desire to serve the students and families in the Hickman Mills School

District by providing the following: Face Masks | Hand Sanitizer | Underwear and Socks

(Primary School Ages) | Deodorant | Paper Towels and Toilet Tissue |

Laundry Detergent | Body Soaps and Lotion.

Event is for Hickman Mills School District Families only.
You must Pre-Register in order to participate.
Pre-Register with the following link:

http://bfwc.breezechms.com/form/1074b0 REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY 13TH, SEPTEMBER



# Have you been affected by COVID-19?

We're here to help.



Truman Medical Center (TMC) Behavioral Health in partnership with the federally funded Show Me Hope (SMH) Missouri, is now offering support to anyone affected by COVID-19.

- Crisis Counseling: We can help you manage stress and learn coping skills.
- Resources and Referrals: We can connect you with community resources and agencies for further help.
- Pandemic Preparedness Education: We can teach you how to prevent AND slow the spread of COVID-19.

Call **816-404-6222** to learn more about our counseling services. For immediate care, call the Disaster Distress Helpline: **800-985-5990** or text **TalkWithUs** to **66746**.

#### **How to Manage Your Stress:**

- Talk with others who understand and accept how you feel.
- · Reach out to a trusted friend or loved one.
- · Connect with others who are experiencing the same thing and share your experience.
- Move your body through exercise to get rid of the buildup of stress hormones. Exercise daily or break it up in small
  amounts throughout the day; walk, stretch or meditate.
- Take deep breaths as most of us can benefit from taking several deep breaths often throughout the day. This can help move stress out of your body and even help stop a panic attack.
- · Listen to music as this helps your body relax naturally.
- · Play music timed to breath or your heartbeat. Create a relaxing playlist for yourself and listen to it often.
- Pay attention to your physical self by getting enough sleep and rest each day.
- · Eat healthy meals and snacks and drink plenty of water.
- · Avoid caffeine, tobacco, and alcohol. Their effects are multiplied under stress and can be harmful.



For the latest happenings at TMC Behavioral Health,

or Follow us on facebook

¿Habla Español? Llame de lunes a viernes al **816-404-3280**, de 8 am a 5 pm.







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City of Kansas City, Missouri kcmo.gov

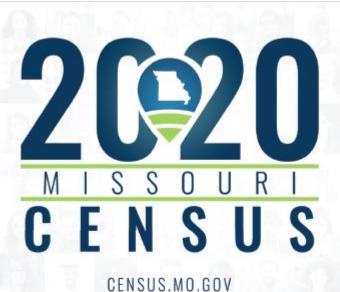
## **Municipal Mayoral Marijuana Pardon**

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas has issued the first pardon under his <u>Mayoral Marijuana Pardon Program</u>. Mayor Lucas announced the creation of this program for non-violent, low-level municipal marijuana and paraphernalia offenses during his State of the City Address earlier this year.

Public opinion and laws surrounding marijuana usage have changed dramatically in recent years: in 2017, Kansas City voters decided by a 75/25 percent margin to decriminalize possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, imposing instead a \$25 fine; and in 2018, Missourians voted to amend the State Constitution to permit the use of medical marijuana and its regulated growth. Still, Black Americans are nearly four times more likely than white Americans to be arrested for marijuana possession despite roughly equal usage rates, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Marijuana Pardon Program is one of many steps Mayor Lucas has taken to decriminalize marijuana. Last month, the City Council passed his ordinance to <u>remove possession or control of marijuana as a violation</u> of the City Code of Ordinances.

Anyone with a municipal marijuana or paraphernalia conviction in Kansas City interested in this program can <u>apply for a pardon</u> on KCMO.gov.





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Application deadline for City's Home Repair, Paint Programs is Sept. 18

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Aug. 27, 2020

The last day the city's Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department is accepting

applications for the City Home Repair, Targeted Home Repair and the Paint Program is Friday, Sept.18. These programs are offered at no cost to low and moderate income households within the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

Applicants must be single-family KCMO homeowners who have not received city home repair services in the last five years (no rental properties, mobile homes, duplexes, etc.) and must meet 2020 Income Guidelines established by the United Stated Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). More information and application forms can be found on the city's website: kcmo.gov.

Nearly 450 residents have already applied for assistance and more than 200 applicants have been approved. Once approved, it takes approximately four months for work to begin. These programs will again be offered in 2021.

For more information about the programs, call the NHSD (816) 513-3200. Media can contact Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department Communications/Community Liaison John Baccala at (816) 513-3202 or John.Baccala@kcmo.org.



#### MISSOURI BEGINS LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE (LWA) PROGRAM

Missouri has become only the third state in the nation to begin processing payments to unemployed workers under the federal Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program. The state began processing the \$300 federal supplemental payments last night to eligible individuals.

Because Missouri was one of the first states to apply for and be approved for the LWA grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Disaster Relief Fund, and

made the necessary changes to UInteract, its claims filing system, eligible unemployed workers should soon begin receiving payments for the weeks ending August 1, August 8 and August 15, 2020.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DOLIR) has processed more than \$4 billion in benefit payments to assist unemployed Missourians.

To receive an LWA benefit payment, an individual must be eligible to receive at least \$100 in unemployment benefits per week, and the individual must self-certify that they are unemployed or partially unemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who self-certified that they are unemployed due to COVID-19 when they filed their initial claim and are otherwise eligible for an LWA benefit payment do not need to take any action because the state will automatically add the \$300 to their weekly benefit amount. Since \$35 is the lowest weekly benefits per week, often based on the limited hours worked, there will be some unemployed individuals who will not meet the \$100 eligibility threshold.

Individuals who did not indicate they were unemployed due to COVID-19 and meet the other eligibility requirements will receive either an email or letter from the DES by the end of next week on their potential eligibility for the LWA program.

As the Division of Employment Security (DES) will be processing retroactive payments separately due to the volume, eligible individuals should not expect to receive all their retroactive payments on the same day. The first retroactive payment should be issued by the end of the week, while the other retroactive payments should be received by the end of next week. Payments may appear in UInteract up to 24 hours before the payment is released to the bank. After the payment file is released to the bank, it may take up to 48 hours of processing time for the receiving bank to provide access to the funds. The DES was initially approved for three weeks of the LWA supplemental benefits by FEMA. The state has requested but has not yet received FEMA approval to pay the week ending August 22, 2020.

The LWA is funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund. The President issued an Executive Order on August 8, 2020, directing FEMA, with guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor, to administer the LWA program.

The LWA program will continue until the earlier of:

- 1) FEMA expends \$44 billion from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF), or
- 2) the total unobligated balance of the DRF decreases to \$25 billion, or

- 3) legislation is enacted that provides, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, supplemental federal unemployment compensation or similar compensation for unemployed or underemployed individuals; or
- 4) December 27, 2020, which is the end of the period of performance for the grant.

With implementation of the LWA, Missouri continues to be a national leader in meeting the needs of the unemployed. In April, Missouri launched the third federal program under the CARES Act in just under a month of having received its first guidance from the federal government. Additionally, in April, Missouri became one of the first ten states to start processing payments for the self-employed and others through the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.

For those struggling during this time, the Missouri Service Navigator can help connect individuals and families with vital local services. For more assistance resources and information, visit <a href="https://labor.mo.gov/DES/Claims/public\_programs">https://labor.mo.gov/DES/Claims/public\_programs</a>



September 3, 2020

Community, School, Neighborhood, Faith and Business Leaders: Please consider forwarding or sharing this information with your families, friends, neighbors, parishioners, members, etc.

**Free Virtual Classes in September** 

Community Assistance Council is offering classes (virtual for now) to help support individual, family and community wellness and stability. These online classes are open to all (unless noted otherwise). CAC clients are especially encouraged to sign up. Visit our website with all of the class info and registration links at www.cackc.org.

#### **Tenant Rights & Responsibilities:**

#### Sept. 18, 1 – 1:30 pm

- 1. For anyone interested in learning more about tenant rights and responsibilities.
- 2. Presented by Garrett Christensen, Legal Aid of Western Missouri.
- 3. Register <u>HERE</u> and you will receive a ZOOM for video or phone call link for the session.

This session will provide an understanding of:

- 1. Basic tenant rights and responsibilities.
- 2. Information and tips on how to protect yourself in disputes between landlords and tenants.
- 3. A Question & Answer session will wrap up the presentation.

#### **How to Understand and Improve Your Credit:**

#### Sept. 23 – 1 – 2 pm

- 1. For anyone interested in learning more about personal credit issues.
- 2. Presented by Amanda Myers, Community Outreach & Director of Legal Services, Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom
- 3. Register **HERE** and you will receive a video or phone call link for the session.

This workshop gives you the tools to learn about credit and correct errors on a credit report. We start with the basics, discussing what a credit report is, who can access it, how do you get a copy and what is a credit score? Then, we will dig further, covering when does a negative item fall off, what if the information is inaccurate, and what if you're a victim of identity theft?

#### Chair Yoga: Sept. 29 – 1 – 1:30 pm

- 1. For anyone interested in trying yoga for mental and physical health.
- 2. Presented by Megan Feighny, Megan Feighny Yoga + Pilates.
- 3. Register **HERE** and you will receive a video or phone call link for the session.
- 4. Ongoing sessions will be available.

Chair yoga is practiced either sitting or using chairs for support in various postures and is designed to mindfully increase range of motion while meeting students where they are. This class is ideal for people who have limited mobility or healing from injury and people of all levels.

#### Virtual Wellness by Phone at Home

The First Hand Foundation and CAC are partnering to offer the Foundation's free, at home, by phone virtual wellness classes to CAC friends. Participants do not have to meet income or geographic guidelines. Follow these steps to get connected to Fitness Instructors.

- 1. Dial 816 384-1534
- 2. Enter Conference ID: 822 269 208 or 520 472 345 (evening Yoga)
- 3. Enter the # (sign) after the Conference ID
- 4. Download the flyer PDF HERE.

#### Yoga: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 1 pm

Start a Yoga practice at home! All ages are welcome, come as you are and work at your own pace and level. That could be in a chair or on the floor. Our Instructors will guide you through the 50-minute practice.

#### **Nutrition Hacks and Stretch & Strength:**

#### Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1 pm

Deepen your knowledge of all things nutrition with 5 minutes of Nutrition Hacks. These tips and tricks will help you live a more nutritionist life! Stretch & Strength class follows at 1:05 pm. This class combines the best of both worlds.

Evening Yoga: Mondays and Thursdays - 6 pm

End your day centered and relaxed with an evening Yoga class. Note this class has a different Conference ID (520 472 345).

#### On-demand sessions to watch at your convenience

Mindfulness: presented by CAC Volunteer Jim McGraw

While the negative impact of stress on health is well known, daily relaxation practices can decrease muscle tension, high blood pressure, anxiety, etc. In this video, participants will learn and practice a simple technique to help activate your parasympathetic nervous system, called the "relaxation response" by Harvard physician Dr. Herbert Benson. The video also includes practical tips to take calming diaphragmatic breaths throughout the day for a more relaxed mind/body. Link to video HERE.

Autogenic Muscle Relaxation: presented by CAC Volunteer Jim McGraw
Autogenic Muscle Relaxation (AMR) is a self-relaxation method used since the 1930's,
sometimes with biofeedback. This short video session provides an overview of AMR, and a
guided narrative where listeners intentionally relax by repeating phrases such as "my
hands are heavy and warm". The regular practice of this simple technique can lead to
muscle relaxation, dilation of blood vessels in the extremities, and an overall sense of
calm. Link HERE.

**Trauma Informed Care:** Video produced by Truman Medical Center's Center for Trauma Informed Innovation.

Trauma-informed care includes practices that promote safety, empowerment, and healing for children and adults. This video helps participants understand the connection between symptoms and behaviors and an individual's trauma history. Link HERE.

#### For more classes information contact

Community Assistance Council at **816-763-3277 x 110**, or email <u>julie.reid@cackc.org</u> with questions. CAC, 10901 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO 64134 (on Ruskin HS grounds)

Click **HERE** to visit CAC's website for more information







NEW 2020 DATES

FREE for Job Seekers! All genders welcome!

NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING SERVICES

## 6TH DISTRICT

**CLEAN UP EVENT** 

Join us for our annual 6th District Clean up event open to all residents that live in the 6th District.

Saturday,

OCT. 10, 2020 SOUTH
BROADLAND
PRESBYTERIAN
&
RUSKIN SR
HIGH SCHOOL

8 A.M.

#### SOUTH BROADLAND PRESBYTERIAN

7850 HOLMES RD KANSAS CITY, MO, 64131

Bulky • Brush • Electronics (Price List)

- Tire drop off (with or without rim in it)
- · Document Shredder

#### **ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST**

CRT Monitors = \$5.00 each
CRT TV's 26" or less = \$30.00 each
CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50.00 each
Wood Console and True Big
Screen/Projection TV's = \$50.00 each
LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20.00 each
Any Freon containing unit = \$10.00 each

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All staff will be abiding by social distancing policy and masks should be worn.

For more information, call Robert Woods at 816-513-8442









## "Getting Into Action"

## 5-Session Course Starting in September

PREREQUISITE: attend an Introduction to Drawdown, live or online

Now that you know that it's *possible* to reverse global warming, what will it take to get YOU to your the next steps?

This course will get you into gear!

You will move from just knowing to taking effective action; learn more about Drawdown actions; learn how to talk to others about global warming and Drawdown; find your personal Drawdown solutions; and develop your capacity to achieve what you choose to do.

Click here to Register for this free 5-session course on Zoom.

• Sunday @ 2:00 - 5:00 PM - beginning Sept. 27, 2020 on Zoom. (The next 4 sessions will be spread out over the next 8 weeks.)





#### LEAKSTOPPERS PROGRAM

Bridging the Gap is offering a FREE program called Leakstoppers. In partnership with KC Water, Bridging The Gap is helping incomeeligible KCMO households reduce their water consumption and water bills by finding and fixing toilet leaks and installing toilet tank banks, fill cycle diverters, high-efficiency showerheads, and faucet ae



## **South KC Mobile Food Pantries**

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to four sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

**Evangel Church,** 1414 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**Ruskin High School,** 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

**Colonial Presbyterian Church,** 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

**Martin City K-8 School,** 201 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> St., from 11 a.m. until food runs out on the third Saturday of the month. This event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church.

# **Truman Medical Centers** has available services for **Jackson County residents** during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.



## **Coronavirus Facts and Resources**

#### **Kansas City**

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to kcmo.gov/coronavirus

#### Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a <u>hotline</u> for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is <u>877-435-8411</u>. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



#### **Website for Essential Companies Hiring NOW!!**

Missouri faces unprecedented times due to the impacts of COVID-19. Here at the Department of Economic Development, we recognize that many of the low-income, at-risk citizens your organizations work with will be hit the hardest and be the first to lose employment. With that in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to the Missouri Now Hiring website <a href="https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring">https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring</a>. Missouri One Start is connecting unemployed workers to essential companies who are staffing up to meet the increased demand for their products and services. There you will find a list of companies that are hiring right now. This site takes workers directly to the hiring/application pages of the respective companies. The list is updated on an ongoing basis, so checking back daily is advised. Please link your clients inneed to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

#### **How to File?**

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

- 1. Your Social Security number;
- 2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
- 3. The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;
- 4. The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch **this video** on unemployment basics. Visit <u>uinteract.labor.mo.gov</u>, create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says "COVID-19" in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on umployment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling: Kansas City Claims Center: <u>816-889-3101</u> or visit

Missouri Unemployment Website

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and Workers: https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions

## GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS 816-474-TIPS HOTLINE

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at <a href="https://www.KCcrimestoppers.com">www.KCcrimestoppers.com</a>, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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Tips Hotline 16-474-8477

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Free Mobile App

www.P3Tips.com



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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any feedback, questions or ideas!